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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1. THE THIRD COMMITTEE MET SEPT 27 TO ELECT TWO VICE CHAIRMEN AND A RAPPOREUR AND TO DECIDE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK. ELECTIONS FOR TWO VICE CHAIRMEN WERE DEFERRED UNTIL A LATER SESSION. THE EGYPTIAN CANDIDATE FOR RAPPOREUR, BADAWI, WAS ELECTED BY CONSENSUS. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON THE CUBAN DELEGATE REPRESENTING THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP FOR ONE OF THE VICE CHAIRMENSHIPS, THERE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN NO ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR THE SECOND VICE CHAIRMANSHIP. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NOW AT LEAST TWO CANDIDATES, CYPRUS AND TUNISIA, AND A POSSIBLE THIRD CANDIDATE FROM INDIA VYING FOR THE SECOND POSITION. THIS WILL BE A MATTER FOR THE ASIAN AND AFRICAN GROUPS TO SORT OUT.

2. AS NOTED IN DOCUMENT A/C.3/31/L.1, THE COMMITTEE PLANS TO COMPLETE ITS WORK BY 10 DECEMBER 76. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION OF WORK.

A. ITEM 69--ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL

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DISCRIMINATION, 69(A)--DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT

RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, 69(C)--STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND 69(D)--STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID; 8 MEETINGS.

B. ITEM 76--SELF-DETERMINATION; 4 MEETINGS.

C. ITEM 70--ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO COLONIAL AND RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA; 3 MEETINGS.

D. ITEM 72--WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION; 5 MEETINGS.

E. ITEM 79--NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS; 3 MEETINGS.

F. ITEM 83--PRESERVATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL VALUES; 3 MEETINGS. THIS ITEM TENTATIVELY TO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN OCT 18 AND 22 TO COINCIDE WITH THE VISIT BY UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL M'BOW.

G. ITEM 69(B)--REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; 4 MEETINGS.

H. ITEM 12--ECOSOC REPORT, INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CHILE; 10 MEETINGS.

I. ITEM 74--TORTURE; 4 MEETINGS.

J. ITEM 81--STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS; 3 MEETINGS.

K. ITEM 75--DECADE FOR WOMEN; 8 MEETINGS.

L. ITEM 73--YOUTH; 4 MEETINGS.

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M. ITEM 78--UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES; 4 MEETINGS. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ASKED THAT THIS ITEM BE CONSIDERED SOME TIME BETWEEN NOV 15-18.

N. ITEM 77--RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE; 3 MEETINGS.

O. ITEM 71--HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS; 3 MEETINGS.

P. ITEM 80--FREEDOM OF INFORMATION; 3 MEETINGS.

Q. ITEM 120--MASS COMMUNICATIONS; 3 MEETINGS.

R. ITEM 82--INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON ADOPTION LAW;
2 MEETINGS.

3. COMMENT: NEARLY ALL DELEGATES WHO TOOK THE FLOOR TO DISCUSS THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR TAKING ITEM 69 (ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION) AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. SEVERAL DELEGATES, INCLUDING THE US, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF GIVING PRIORITY TO ITEMS ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH WERE DEFERRED FROM LAST YEAR AND FOR GROUPING THESE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. WITH REGARD TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CHILE, CHILEAN AMB DIEZ STATED THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT ITS OBSERVATIONS ON THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE IN ALL WORKING LANGUAGES BEFORE THE SUBJECT IS TAKEN UP BY THE COMMITTEE. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CHILEAN ITEM WOULD BE TREATED THOROUGHLY AND THAT ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE ITEM IS DISCUSSED.

4. THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 77 MEETINGS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE AT THIS SESSION. TMW BREAKDOWN OF MEETINGS GIVEN ABOVE IS, OF COURSE, ONLY TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT ITEM 69(A) AND 69(C) AND 69(D) MAY TAKE LONGER THAN THE EIGHT MEETINGS SUGGESTED. DEBATE ON THIS ITEM WILL PROBABLY BEGIN DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF SEPT 28.

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